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MEDIA ADVISORY

Mayor Barrett to Kick off 2016 Back-to-School Health Fairs

16th annual health fairs to provide needed health services and school supplies to Milwaukee children

MILWAUKEE - With school season around the corner, Mayor Tom Barrett will kick off the City of Milwaukee Health Department's annual Back-to-School Health Fairs on Friday, Aug. 19th at 9 a.m. at North Division High School.

Students accompanied by a parent or guardian will be eligible to receive needed immunizations, vision and dental screenings, haircuts, and more. Free backpacks and school supplies will be provided to children with an up-to-date shot record, or those who receive vaccinations at either the Aug. 19th health fair at North Division High School or Aug. 26th health fair at South Division High School. Both fairs run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

School immunizations are required by state law in Wisconsin. Providing easy access to vaccinations continues to be important as vaccine-preventable illnesses like mumps, measles, and pertussis have seen a return nationwide.

The 2016 health fairs are presented by the City of Milwaukee Health Department and United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County in partnership with Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Children's Community Health Plan, United Healthcare, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Molina Healthcare, MHS Health Wisconsin, and iCare Independent Health Plan.

> WHAT: 16th Annual Back-to-School Health Fair Kick-off

WHERE: **North Division High School**

1011 W. Center St., Milwaukee

TIME: Friday, August 19th 9 a.m.

SPEAKERS: Mayor Tom Barrett

With sponsor representatives.

Additional interview and photo opportunities on site.

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